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Mrs. Stage, Mrs. L. Miller, Mrs. Tannenbaum, Mrs. L. Clay, Mrs. Berg, Mrs. Castaldi, Mrs. Hunt, and Mrs. McNeil. Mrs. Pinckus from the Nursery School and Mrs. Frady of the Drop Inn were unable to attend but their groups are participating in the Sale.

GCS Helps Engineer Citywide Bake Sale

A community-wide bake sale scheduled for Friday, October 31 and Saturday, November 1 will feature the culinary efforts of the members of ten local organizations, all of them using Co-op products donated by Greenbelt Consumer Services. Proceeds from the sale will be divided equally between the community chest and the various community organizations involved in the project.

The following community organizations will participate: The Lutheran, Methodist, St. Hugh's Community churches; the JCC; The League of Women Voters, Woman's Club, Drop Inn, Co-op Nursery School, and National Council of Jewish Women. Each group will bake 20 or more items with Co-op label ingredients. Mrs. Opie Stage and Mrs. Jane Hunt are co-chairmen of the bake sale, which will offer such items as pies, cakes, buns, rolls, cookies baked beans and even vegetable soup. Applesauce cake, strudel and pizza pies will be among the special attractions, along with all types of cookies from "toll house" to oatmeal, as well as potato salad.

The basic kit from the Co-op will consist of eggs, sugar, Co-op baking soda and powder, Co-op flour, cake mixes, Co-op cocoa, chocolate tops and baking chocolate, Co-op shortening, pie crust mix, skim milk and evaporated milk; Co-op cherries, salad dressing and mayonnaise. Other ingredients needed are also to be supplied to each organization representative who in turn will distribute the items to members in her group doing the baking.

Representatives attending the meeting were Mrs. Clay, Community Church; Mrs. Berg, Lutheran; Mrs. Castaldi, St. Hugh's; Mrs. Miller, JCC; Mrs. Tannenbaum, National Council; Mrs. McNeil, Methodists; Mrs. Hunt, League of Women Voters.

Bulletin

Plans are afoot for centralizing all cooperative enterprises in the metropolitan area under a single management organization, it was learned from a reliable source this week. GCS general manager Sam Ashelman is said to be interested in assuming the position of overall co-op area manager, and has already offered a five year contract to at least one nearby co-op manager, although no authority to make such an offer has been granted him nor anyone else now working on the project. The offer, it was revealed, was turned down.

A program such as the one under discussion would require unification of book-keeping, advertising, buying and similar activities of all the enterprises involved. Each participating co-op would retain its identity as a corporation, but would contract for the performance of management functions with an area management service.

Council Schedules Special Meeting Mon.

By I. J. Parker

A special meeting of the city council will be held on Monday to discuss dedication of land and buildings to the city by the federal government, it was decided at last Monday's regular council meeting. With two council members absent, it was considered necessary to hold the special meeting so that the dedication could be fully discussed.

The swimming pool, the center school, the lake and picnic areas and other parcels of land are involved. Conspicuous in its absence is the police-and-fire-department building which is considered "commercial property" by Public Housing Administration. Industrial property and electricity distribution will also be considered as requested during conferences with PHA officials at a later date.

Approval was expressed by council members for the plan to hire a part-time public health nurse to replace the former nurse, Mrs. Stouffer, who retired. The new nurse will be qualified to handle welfare work as well as public health duties. A few applicants are now being considered for the job.

Council Queries Mayor On Anti-Home Rule Vote

The City Council dropped a local hot potato Monday night when discussion on Mayor Frank Lastner's position concerning Home Rule for Prince Georges County died after much controversy.

Councilman Ben Goldfaden opened the question in relation to a resolution passed unanimously by the Maryland Municipal Association (to which heads of local governments belong) opposing Home Rule. Councilmen were concerned over the propriety of the Mayor's voting on this issue, which might be misconstrued as representing the sentiments of the Council or of Greenbelt residents. Lastner replied that although he was not present at the time the resolution was passed, he felt that as "elected chairman of the association, he would certainly follow through their feelings in the matter."

In a telephone interview later in the evening the Mayor said that he personally supported Home Rule but opposed a County Manager form of government, because of his familiarity with its operation in a nearby county.

According to press reports, the Cheverly and Mt. Rainier City Councils voted in favor of Home Rule, and the Hyattsville Council against it, at meetings held Monday night. The future of Home Rule in this county is one of the vital issues to be decided in the November 4 elections.

NorthendPTA Meets, Hears Guest Speakers

Last Tuesday evening a large group of North End parents attended their first PTA meeting of the year in the auditorium of the school, and registered for PTA membership.

Mrs. Haward Hunt, president introduced officers and chairmen of the executive committees; Miss Thelma Smith, principal, introduced members of the faculty. The parents had an opportunity at the conclusion of the program to meet with the teachers in the class rooms, at which time the room mothers were present. chairmen, presented the principal who spoke on the necessity of extra-curricular activities for children of today, but cautioned against wasting effort by taking part in too many things. Other guest speakers representing various organizations in Greenbelt were: Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer, Family Relation Councillor; Lt. Albert Attick, Public Safety; Mrs. Marjorie Muir, Library; Haward Hunt, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts; Mrs. Harry Weidberg, Girl Scouts and Brownies; Vincent Caruso, Band; Donald Wolfe, Recreation Department; and Caldwell Baker, Boy's Club.

Mrs. Haward Hunt and Miss Thelma Smith were appointed delegates to the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers at Baltimore, October 29, 30, and 31.

Parents of any North End student interested in forming a study group are asked to contact Mrs. Holton, Greenbelt 4552. Committee chairmen of North End PTA this year are: Mrs. Nelson Holton, program; Mrs. John Warne, health; Mrs. Willie Causey, room mothers; Mrs. John Erdmann, membership; William Hoff, legislative; Harry Taylor, safety; and Mrs. Walter Chandler, publicity chairman.

SOS Helping Parents

On Friday, October 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be Halloween block parties in every area for children up to and including 12 years old.

Program and refreshments will be planned and parental supervision is needed. Please call GR. 2011, or come to the meeting at the Drop Inn Friday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. for information.

Chest Drive Aims For 100% Support

One hundred percent participation in the current Red Feather drive is being asked of Greenbelt residents.

Over 626 individuals benefitted from Greenbelt's Community Chest funds last year. Chairman Helen Chasanow, who also led last year's drive, accounts for the distribution of funds as follows, to total \$8640. More than 600 young members of Boy and Girl Scouts and Boys Club cost the fund \$11 each, to total \$6600; seven hospitalization cases at \$200 each, to total \$1400 and sixteen family welfare cases at \$40 each, to total \$640.

Contributors may always specify to which branch of public service they would like their donation to be credited, and as Greenbelt aids the County, services outside Greenbelt may be benefitted, by specification.

Current Red Feather collections are in full swing and each resident is asked to contribute. Should no member of the 14 teams throughout Greenbelt call, prospective contributors may telephone Mrs. Chasanow at 8611 for a representative to drop in.

What Goes On
 Friday, October 24 - Mowatt Methodist Church Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale.
 Sunday, October 26 - Teacher Reception - Social Hall of Community Church. 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, October 27 - Greenbelt Men's Club Banquet Community Church social hall.
 Monday, October 27 - Girl Scout Leaders, Social Room - Center School.

Ribbons, Awards Mark 202 Meet

Cub Scout Pack 202 held their first fall pack meeting October 17 in the basement of the Community Church. The special events chairman for the Pack, H. Dalbow, awarded blue ribbons to Arlin Sandvik, Jimmy Shaffer, David Dalbow, and Bobbie Shaffer for placing first in the September Track meet. Pink ribbons were awarded second place winners Richard Emde, Jimmy Shaffer, Arlin Sandvik, and Leslie Page. Third place winners were Bobbie Andros, Frank Compler, Byron Page, Chester Confer, and Alexander Chavrid. Mrs. Confer's Den 7 won first place in the potato race and Tug of War. Mrs. Callanan's Den 4 won second place in Tug of War. The Pack awarded James Shaffer a Cub Scout knife for scoring the highest number of points in the meet. Den 7 scored the most points; this entitled them to hold the trophy for a year.

Cubmaster Ohlmacher awarded Bobcat pins to Gregory Vella, Barry Leslie, and Gordon Bingham.

Mrs. Leslie, the new mother for Den 9, received a Den Mother's pin.

One year pins were awarded Bobbie Shaffer, David Dalbow, Richard Moss, Ian Vogel, Charles Anders, William Maguire and William Thompson. Two-year pins were given Charles Callanan and Tommy Stage. Martin Walden, Samuel Griffith, John Van Fossen, and Edward Reid were awarded Wolf Badges which is the first step along the Cubbing trail. Jerry Gray received the Bear Badge which is the second step on the trail.

Eric Haegle was elected denner and Robert Coleman assistant denner of Den 9. Charles Anders is denner and Marty Walden is assistant denner of Den 3. These boys received stripes for their uniforms (which they can wear permanently).

Jerry Brennan, William Maguire, Tommy Stage, Richard Emde, William Thompson, Edward Reid and Jerry Gray received arrows for their badges, indicating that they had elected to do some extra work.

John LaMacchia and Lance Walden received the Webelos badge which is the highest rank in Cub Scouting. They are now ready to enter a Scout troop.

Mrs. Dalbow's Den 3 received both the awards and attendance flags for this month.

Sodality Sponsors Dance

The witches may not be flying merrily on their broomsticks, come Friday night, October 24, but if you should want to get in the spirit of Halloween - make it a date to come to the dance sponsored by St. Hugh's Sodality. The dance will feature Howard Devon and his orchestra. Dancing will be from 10 to 1 and there will be plenty of refreshments on hand according to Mrs. Teresa Pels who is in charge. Tickets may be purchased at the door Friday evening by those who haven't already been contacted.

County Voters Must Cast For Home Rule This Election Day

The voters of Prince Georges County will decide on November 4 whether they want the right to make laws in the county or whether the state legislature, meeting in Annapolis, shall continue to pass laws pertaining to local matters.

Two votes are required: (1) a "Yes" vote on the proposition "do you want to provide for the election of a charter board to write a new charter for the county," will authorize a charter board to write a new "constitution," and (2) a vote to choose a five member board to write a charter setting up the functions of the government of the county, which will be submitted to the voters for their approval in 1952. These two votes are required.

Since 1915, the state constitution has provided that petitions signed by 10,000 registered voters would place the Home Rule proposition on the ballot. This spring, 12,500 signatures were obtained (600 signers were residents of Greenbelt) by the Citizens Committee for Good Government in Prince Georges County, aided by other civic groups. In addition, 5 candidates for the Charter Board were nominated by petitions signed by 2,500 voters; five other candidates for the charter board were nominated by the County Commissioners.

The candidates for Charter Board nominated by petition are Ruben J. Gordon, Walter F. Mulligan, Nicholas Orem, Jr., Charles F. Parker, and Joseph M. Ray. They have stated that they will invite free, open, public discussion and will hold public hearings and debates while they are preparing the charter.

One group, organized to fight the charter and the Home Rule proposition, is supported by H. Winship Wheatley, Jr., and Edwin A. Glenn, two candidates for the Charter Board. Other candidates for the board are Edwin C. Bell, Jr., Mrs. Dorothy B. Groth, and George T. Burroughs.

Day Speaks At Men's Banquet

"You can't fight Communism through ignorance." This will be the theme to be discussed by Rutherford Day of the District Bar Association at the Greenbelt Men's Banquet being held in the Community Church, Monday evening October 27.

The title of the address will be "Capitalism, Communism, and Civic Welfare." Day has studied this subject extensively and as a practicing attorney in Washington, has handled a considerable number of cases involving loyalty or security before the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission.

Day is Co-Chairman of the Loyalty Day Committee for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and is vice-chairman of the Washington Chapter of the Citizenship Committee, where he served as a delegate to the national conference held recently in the Statler Hotel. The Citizenship Committee is a part of the National Education Association, co-sponsored by the Association and the Department of Justice.

The Ladies Guild of the Community Church will serve a turkey dinner at 6:30 P.M. Tickets may be obtained by calling Frank Barrick, 4556; Lloyd Clay, 8153; or Ralph Webster, 7756; also by contacting Ed Burgoon at the Co-op Service Station.

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Pertinent Points About UN Day

By Harry Zuboff

The General Assembly of the United Nations will meet October 14 in New York for its seventh annual session. The occasion will bring to many Americans a basic question: "Why is this meeting important to me and my country?"

The meeting is important because during its sessions the diplomats of the world will tackle some of the most important issues of the day. Here, where patience and persistence must be practiced for years to find general agreement, they will work during the coming session on a formidable mass of difficult problems.

This world forum has been criticized as being merely "a debating society." It is an organization in which member nations engage in debate on a wide range of problems. The daily life of every American is affected by many of these problems and the U.N. does much more than just talk about them.

First, as the center of the United Nations and its main deliberative body, the General Assembly represents 60 member countries and speaks for 1.7 billion people, 10 times the number of Americans. Here, the diplomats talk and argue (or debate if you prefer). And they are thus enabled to make their most important contribution, to broaden the world's understanding of its thorny problems.

At the same time the General Assembly and the other agencies of the United Nations get specific results. Consider the fighting in Korea. What are the facts?

Korea Background

When the Communists launched their aggression against the people of the Republic of Korea, they threatened not only a ward of the United Nations but also the security system of that organization and the peace of the world. The United Nations promptly acted. The free countries recognized the invasion as a direct challenge to the United Nations itself.

Why? The United Nations was organized by 51 countries in June 1945 "to combine our efforts" to bring about a better world through an international organization. These nations agreed, and stated in the body of the United Nations Charter, that their first purpose was peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace..." Fundamentally, that was the reason for United Nations action in Korea.

Within hours of the start of the attack, the Security Council (the enforcement agency) passed two resolutions, which together called on the North Korean authorities to withdraw their forces from the Republic of Korea and on United Nations members to assist in repelling the armed attack and restoring peace and security in the area.

This action was not vetoed by the Soviets because the Soviets at the time were boycotting the Security Council. (Later, to prevent the Soviet veto in the Security Council from circumventing future action by the United Nations, the members agreed that the General Assembly could be summoned on 24 hours' notice to deal with situations threatening the peace.)

UN Mobilization

To the call of the Security Council, there was a tremendous re-

sponse from the free countries. That call brought about the first great collective military effort of a world organization. Military components of 17 countries were joined under a single United Nations command, and nearly 50 countries have contributed direct aid to support this command in Korea. What necessarily had to be improvised at the time has grown into a combat force which has turned back the aggressors.

This fighting is still going on. But there is good reason to say that the combined action in Korea by the free people of the world also—

(1) may have prevented World War III;

(2) has stimulated every free country to build its defenses; and

(3) has made clear that aggression will be opposed by the free world.

Action by the United Nations has eased many other tensions. Some of them might have led to a general war. Instead, the concerted opinion of the free countries, expressed through United Nations action—

(1) helped to bring about the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Iran and

(2) helped to stay or settle the fighting in Palestine, Indonesia, Kashmir, Lebanon, Syria, and elsewhere.

Also, in the General Assembly and other agencies, the United Nations is trying to get all nations to agree on a practicable method of disarmament. It is working on a collective-security system to prevent future aggression. And it is getting at numerous problems designed to improve the economic and social conditions of all people.

Specialized Agencies

Especially important to our way of life are the "unsung heroes" of the United Nations, the 10 specialized agencies. They devote their attention to world problems of health, farming, labor, and other subjects which have meaning for us all.

When the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations feeds the starving, it helps to end a threat to our own security. When the International Labor Organization of the United Nations sets up better labor standards elsewhere, it protects our own working conditions. When the World Health Organization of the United Nations makes anticholera serum available at the right time and place, it keeps plagues from spreading, perhaps from spreading even to the United States. The things the specialized agencies do affect everyone.

UN Goals

Other significant down-to-earth undertakings are the program to help children of many countries in their schooling and the program investments, technical assistance and direct aid—to develop their natural resources.

Water utilization is a project in several big underdeveloped countries. It is no exaggeration to describe this as a project which seeks to put all the water resources of the world to work for man.

The goals of the United Nations are the same goals that Americans seek for themselves and for other people—peace, security, and opportunity.

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Dollars and Sense

By Morris J. Solomon

A Family Is Indivisible

Steve's wife Marie was making one big mistake, turning her food problem into a nightmare. She split her family in two: the children and grownups, with dire consequences for the grownups. There were lamb chops, calves liver, baby food, steak, eggs, butter, and frozen foods for the children. For the grownups, there were other things—mostly in short supply.

This called for some discussion, and I explained to them that, basically, food that was wholesome for grownups was good for children. Since the youngest child was over a year old, there was no reason the children and grownups couldn't eat the same dishes. This would simplify meal planning and preparation, and avoid the expensive baby foods. The price of a baby food jar could buy twice or three times the amount in the form of fresh produce or in the can. We were going to shoot for a food pattern that was: a) nutritious, b) enjoyable, c) economical.

Marie had four small children to care for, and the menus could not be too elaborate.

Milk Bill Reduced

Their kids drank milk galore. At 19c a quart, the milk bill ran to \$6 or \$7 a week, with little for mom and pop. Early in my visit I had mixed a sample batch of skim milk with an egg beater. We later took the mixed milk out of the refrigerator to taste-test it. The oldest child, who was still awake, tasted and liked it. Buying dry skim milk in bulk would enable each member of the family to drink about a quart of milk a day at a total cost of approximately \$1.40 a week.

My Daze

It is a time of decision and change in Greenbelt. The consummated sale to GVHC serves to hasten the crystallization of family plans either to leave Greenbelt or "buy in." Many have been attracted by Montgomery County's superior schools, and are settling there. Those who are remaining in Greenbelt or this area must hope for improvement of schools and services right here in Prince Georges County. That hope lies in the home rule charter to be voted on this coming election day, a charter which would give the 194,000 (1950 figure) county residents more direct control over their local affairs than government through the Maryland State Legislature now makes possible. The County Commissioner system has been less than satisfactory to say the least. Those persons (like my husband and myself) who are buying homes in Greenbelt with the expectation of raising and educating their children here, are more concerned than ever about the county's future. The five Charter Board candidates put forth by the Citizens Committee for Good Government in Prince Georges County (Gordon, Mulligan, Orem, Parker and Ray) therefore deserve our support at the polls.

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This past weekend I was interested to read about the opposition of the Prince Georges County Municipal Association's to the charter. Our own Mayor Frank Lastner is chairman of this newly-formed group, and I wonder why he thinks that home rule would not be to the county's best interest. For whom does Mayor Lastner presume to speak? Us? Whose best interest would not be served by the proposed change? Ours?

Our boy is Co-op to the core. After saying aloud the jingle, "Tide's in, dirt's out," he thought a minute, then added "Breakwater's in, dirt's out." Can you use an assistant on your flyers, Mr. Scudder?

— DAISY.

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Monday, October 27 - 6:30 p.m. - Community Men's Banquet, social hall. Speaker, Attorney Rutherford Day of the Washington Bar Association, on the subject "Capitalism, Communism, and Civic Welfare."

Tuesday, October 28 - 4 p.m. Carol Choir, 7:15-Cloister Choir, 8-the 4th of 8 sessions. Bible Study Course.

Wednesday, October 29 - 8 p.m. - Adult Choir.

Thursday, October 30 - 4:15-St. Cecilia Choir, 7-Cloister Choir.

Friday, October 31 - All Souls Communion Service.

Saturday, November 8 - Annual Xmas Bazaar, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

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Confessions: Saturday afternoon from 3 until 5:30 p.m. for children. In the evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for adults.

Sunday: Masses at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30

and 11 a.m. Nursery care for preschool children during the 11 a.m. Mass. Religious instructions for children attending the public schools immediately following the 8:30 Mass. Public school children are requested to attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. This is family Holy Communion Sunday.

Baptisms: Sunday 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to have a baby baptized should notify Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

Wednesday: Miraculous Medal Novena, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8 p.m.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday, October 25 - 11 a.m. Junior Choir at Church.

Sunday, October 26 - Sunday School

and Adult Bible Class. Classes are held for all ages.

Raymond Carriere, superintendent, 11 a.m. Divine Worship with the sermon by the Vicar on Matthew 22, 1-14.

"Few are chosen." 7 p.m. Lecture Course on Christian Doctrine.

8 p.m. Song Service, with the first meditation in a series on famous addresses in the Book of Acts.

Monday, October 27 - 8 p.m. "Why aren't the Apocryphal Books in the King James Bible?" is the topic to be discussed by the Rev. Herbert Roepe, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Washington, at the Bible Institute. Sessions are held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 4th and E Sts., N.W.

Tuesday, October 28 - 8 p.m. Lydia Guild in the Church.

Wednesday, October 29 - 8 p.m. Senior Choir.

Sunday, November 2 - 3:30 p.m. Joint Reformation Festival at Lister Auditorium.

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ject, "A Great Word in any Lan-

guage". Special music by the choir. Nursery provided for the children.

Friday, October 24 - Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold its annual bazaar at the Center beginning at 10 a.m. The ladies

will also have a bake table at the bazaar, and will be in need of your full support in their big event of the year.

HEBREW SERVICES

Rabbi C. H. Waldman

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Letters To The Editor

GCS Expansion Policy

First of all, I should like to say that I favor the principle of expansion of Cooperatives generally, and hope to see GCS lead the way in the growth of the cooperative movement. However, I am not anxious to blow up GCS to the point where it bursts, like a balloon.

We must first be sure that we are on a sound financial basis, not be borrowing and getting deeper into debt, but in accordance with sound cooperative principles, by raising a large proportion of the necessary capital from the prospective members of the new project before leaping into any new enterprise.

Under our present circumstances, I don't feel that we can jump into any new undertakings until our Takoma Park members and prospective members have assumed the full burden of financing the stores in their area. If we can raise the necessary capital through sale of shares to our members and patrons to pay off the debts incurred as a result of the opening of the Takoma stores, then we can venture into new enterprises.

Expansion should have as its principal goal improved service,

better quality, and lower costs for the consumer. In order to accomplish this goal, a cooperative must have personnel who can help it to achieve these aims. We have some excellent people, probably among the best in the business. And if we can grow, and so provide greater financial incentives for these people, we should do so. But such growth should come from the needs of the consumer, with members and employees sharing together in the economic advantages which sound operation of a growing organization can bring.

Cooperative stores and services should be controlled by their members. When new stores or services are opened, they should be opened in response to the needs and desires of consumers in the area they are to serve and be financed by those who want them. However, certain centralized services, such as purchasing, advertising, accounting, warehousing, and related services can help to reduce costs and improve operations, provide larger patronage returns to each cooperative's members, and put all of them into a better competitive position.

But each enterprise should be free, if its members so desire, to discontinue any or all of such services.

Such decentralization of control is the essence of democracy,

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which is one of the major tenets of the cooperative movement and a guarantee against control by the few.

If the Board decides at any time in the near future upon an expansion program, I will insist that its determinations be presented to the membership by every means available before that decision is made final, including such possible means as a complete issue of the Newsletter devoted to discussion of the subject, and two membership meetings, one for discussion purposes only, and the other for direction by the members to the Board after they have had sufficient time to weigh the pros and cons of expansion. When these steps, or any suitable alternatives which allow for full membership expression, have been taken, then the Board will be able to act accordingly, knowing that it has the support of the membership.

SAM SCHWIMER.

In Reply To Bierwagen

It is well that the subject of expansion has come up in public. As a member of the committee planning our last membership meeting, I urged that the problem of expansion be the subject for discussion, with particular reference to an evaluation of the Takoma Park expansion. It was Mr. Bierwagen who insisted that there was no point in discussion "past mistakes." I believe that a frank evaluation of progress made, the costs and gains, is in order. We would be fooling ourselves if we failed to take note of the disadvantages we have suffered, as well as the advantages. Since Mr. Bierwagen saw fit to neglect these aspects in what was purportedly a complete discussion of the matter, I should like to point out some aspects which Management, Mr. Bierwagen and some of the older Board members have studiously avoided mentioning—about expansion in general and our Takoma Park expansion in particular.

In general, under most circumstances, expansion involves risk. New enterprises present special risks. It is not unusual for new enterprises to lose money for a year or more.

The Takoma Park expansion involved a certain amount of inconvenience to Greenbelt residents. The Greenbelt Supermarket was stripped of most of the experienced personnel for several months after the Takoma Store opening. The characteristic tidiness, service, and even cleanliness was lacking for that period. The operating re-

sults of the Greenbelt Supermarket also showed the loss of experienced personnel. At one time, I estimated that the expansion in Takoma cost Greenbelters about 1/2% of patronage rebate due to the extra costs and disruptive effects of the opening. These inconveniences and losses were temporary. The benefits of the expansion in the food field have been substantial. While a measure is difficult, it is my personal belief that on balance, the opening of the Takoma Supermarket has up to this point brought a net advantage to GCS members.

The effect of the Takoma Drug-Department Store has not yielded any advantage and up to this date has proved a financial burden. I believe, however, that with time there is hope that the Takoma Drug-Department Store will take its place among the "substantially in the black" operations which are characteristic of their counterpart Greenbelt stores. Perhaps it is an oversight not to mention that it was precisely when the Takoma Drug was opened, that Greenbelters were provided with a delivery service for prescriptions.

Contrasted with Greenbelt operations at this point, the Takoma operation as a whole is not as assuredly in the black as we could hope for.

So we see that the picture presented by Mr. Bierwagen in last week's *Cooperator* is hardly a correct one nor representative of the Board as a whole. Expansion, like PARENTHOOD, cannot be experienced without some risk, loss of convenience, and other short-run disadvantages.

The whole question of expansion needs a thorough discussion by members of GCS. GCS members should give serious thought to the following questions:

1) Shall we have as our goal a separation of the Greenbelt from Takoma enterprises with respect to ownership, control, and financial responsibility, with retention of a common business management? If so, what should our timetable for such separation be?

2) Under what circumstances is the provision of cooperative service in another area justified? After such provision, how do we judge our success or failure? Is membership through patronage rebate a sufficient justification?

3) What kind of cooperative expansion pattern can we derive consistent with the aims and claims of cooperatives?

4) What steps should we be taking in anticipation of further development in Greenbelt?

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Howard A. Carr

Services were held Tuesday, October 21 at Arlington cemetery for one of Greenbelt's earliest citizens, Howard A. Carr. Mr. Carr, who had been in ill health for several years, died suddenly on October 18, at 59 years of age. He and his wife and daughters moved into 35-E Ridge Road in 1937, and were the 69th family to come to Greenbelt.

Besides his wife, Roberta Wrightson Carr, he leaves two daughters, Evelyn of Greenbelt, and Mrs. Dolores Pettit of Richmond, Cal., and three grandchildren.

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Among the special guests of the evening will be a group of South American graduate students now at the University of Maryland. They will be introduced by their University Counselor, Miss Elsie Guthrie, of Community Church, and will entertain with songs and dances typifying the culture of their respective countries, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Peru. All members and friends of the church are welcome.

The Cabinet of Church Women will be in charge of refreshments and decorations, with the assistance of the Parish Life Committee of the Board of Deacons.

Personals

Miss Shirley Virginia Branch was given a surprise bridal shower last Wednesday evening, October 15, by her maid of honor, Miss Carolyn Zimmerman, at her home on Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, Md. There were twenty invited guests. Miss Branch received many lovely gifts. Delicious assorted sandwiches and cakes were served. Mrs. Zimmerman was assisted at the punch bowls by the bride-elect's mother Mrs. Dan B. Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mague are proud parents of a son born September 18 at Naval Medical Center. He was christened Thomas Henry at St. Hugh's Catholic Church October 12. Mr. and Mrs. Justin Klem are the god-parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mague wish to thank all their neighbors and friends for their prayers and favors done them while little Thomas has been in the hospital. Tommy is coming along fine and we hope to have him home real soon.

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In the United Nations we get a chance to voice our interests and to hear what others have to say about their interests. This process does not guarantee success in every undertaking, but it does encourage people everywhere to look for answers to the world's problems.

In his message to Congress on our participation in the United Nations during the last year, the President, summing it up, said:

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For United Nations Day, October 24, which is the anniversary of the U. N. Charter, the President has recommended that Americans observe the day by—

(1) sending greetings to friends and associates in countries which are members of the United Nations and

(2) expressing their confidence in the United Nations, their friendship for other people, and their faith in the ultimate demonstration of the brotherhood of man throughout the world.

NOTICE

There is room for five more adults in the English class of Northwestern's adult education program. Call the school, AP-7400, and ask Mrs. Swift for information.

Born to Hazel and Iz Stalberg, a boy, Kenneth Allen, on Friday, October 17, at Columbia Hospital. Kenneth has a brother Michael and a sister Dorothy.

Born to Thelma and David Wacks, a girl, their first daughter and third child, on Sunday, October 19, at Garfield Hospital. Her brothers are Raymond and Gerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kasko wish to announce their new address 10-R Southway, and their telephone number is 8921.

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